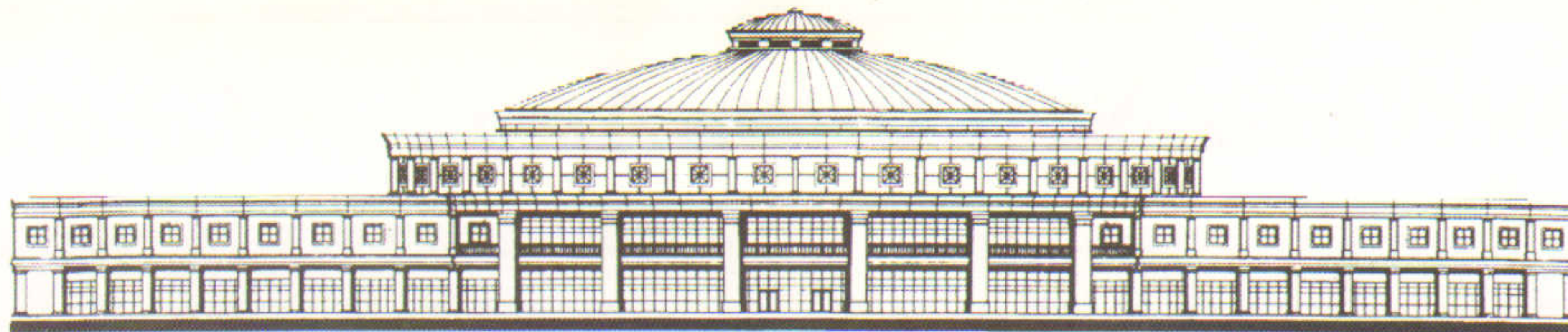




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SHELTON STATE RECEIVES MILLION DOLLAR GIFT



A.H. Bean establishes Endowed Scholarship Fund. Standing are – Dr. Rick Rogers, Dr. Tom Umphrey, Mrs. Sandra Ray, and Mr. Bean.

For local philanthropist Asa “Howard” Bean, religion is a lot more than just attending church on Sundays. Religion is central to A.H. Bean’s life, and he believes that God has provided for him and, in return, he has a responsibility to help others.

This past November, Bean announced a \$1.15 million gift to Shelton State Community College to establish the A.H. Bean Endowed Scholarship Fund. A portion of the money will also be used to help complete the theatre complex currently under construction on campus. Bean’s gift is the largest single donation ever made to the college.

“As the Lord gives it to me, I give it to them,” he says. “When you give to a school, it’s there forever.”

Bean, who turned 91 this past November, has not let his age deter him. He was recently named the 1997 Northport Citizen of the Year and continues to support numerous groups and individuals.

“I’ve never seen obstacles, just opportunities,” says Bean. Bean worked for Olan Mills Studios for 50 years until his retirement. After retirement, he started an entirely new company, Bean Land and Timber Company.

Bean is also a world traveler, having been around the world three times. He was 82 when he went to the South Pole and was the first civilian to go to both the North and South Poles. During his travels, Bean has toured over a dozen countries.

Any Shelton student will be able to apply for a scholarship established through the Bean Endowment. According to Shelton President Tom Umphrey, Bean’s generosity will touch thousands of lives in the West Alabama area. “Mr. Bean does many things in our community that help make West Alabama a great place to live and work,” Umphrey said. “He is genuinely interested in helping others become successful.”

“Scholarships are a way for Mr. Bean to allow people to help themselves,” said Rick Rogers, assistant to the president. “This scholarship fund is significant for a number of reasons. Over the years, this money will allow thousands of people to achieve their goal of a college education.”

Because of Bean’s gift toward the completion of the college’s new theatre, the facility will be named the Bean-Brown Theatre in honor of Mr. Bean’s late wife and daughter. Bean’s wife, Josephine May Bean, and his daughter, local dentist Billie Sue Brown, both died in 1996.

When construction is completed on the new theatre, the 450-seat Bean-Brown Theatre will be the state-of-the-art centerpiece of the Tuscaloosa Fine Arts Center and will house a recital hall, galleries, art, dance, and music studios along with full theatrical facilities. Lobbies, offices, and dressing room areas of the new theatre were completed this past August.

Shelton State Officially Opens Its Doors

Over 700 guests filled the atrium area of Shelton State’s new campus on October 22 as part of the college’s grand opening ceremonies. Dignitaries from across the state joined faculty, staff, alumni, and other friends of the college for the formal dedication ceremonies, the culminating event in a week of activities ranging from a campus bonfire to a paper airplane contest.

The realization of the new campus was a long time dream of Shelton President Tom Umphrey. In his address to the audience, Umphrey expressed appreciation to the many business and civic leaders who worked so hard to make the day a reality. “We are proud that the people of West Alabama accept Shelton State as their community college and believe in what we are trying to accomplish with our new campus. We are also proud for the state because Alabama now has a community college facility second to none anywhere in the South.

Former state representative Temo Calahan, former Alabama Governor George

Wallace, past presidents and other dignitaries of the college were recognized, including the late H. I. James and his wife, Annie Sue, Dr. and Mrs. Leo Sumner, Dr. C.A. Fredd Sr., Mr. I.W. Mitchell, Mr. Norman Cephus, former state board member Victor Poole, Dr. Howard Gundy, former Governor Jim Folsom, and Governor Fob James. Umphrey also recognized many alumni and friends of the college, such as the Roland Pugh and Reese Phifer families.

Speakers at the ceremony included: Dr. Harold Martin, former chairman of the Alabama State Board of Education; Dr. Fred Gainous, Chancellor of the Alabama College System; Mr. Roland Pugh, member of the Alabama Commission on Higher Education; Mr. Jimmy Butts, director of the Alabama Department of Transportation; Senator Phil Poole, District 21; Mrs. Sandra Hall Ray, Alabama State Board of Education, District VII; Mr. Jimmy Baker, State of Alabama Finance Director; Senator Charles Steele, District 24; and Alvin DuPont, mayor of the City of Tuscaloosa.

Marsha Folsom Holds Community Seminar at Shelton

Former Alabama First Lady Marsha Folsom was at Shelton in February for a special seminar entitled “Community by Design: Changing Public Policy at the Grass Roots.” Sponsored by the Lifetime Learning Series of the college, the seminar focused on the characteristics of a community as well as the development of leadership skills for community members.

In her former role as First Lady, Mrs. Folsom conducted “listening sessions” throughout the state. She discovered people were anxious to contribute their thoughts on building stronger and more involved communities.

“If we are to improve the lives of our children, we must involve everyone and concentrate on the kind of community environment that affects each life,” explained Mrs. Folsom. Mrs. Folsom continues her support of children’s issues through her work with Voices for Alabama’s Children, an umbrella organization for child advocacy.

Mrs. Folsom is a member of the Cullman City School Board and originated the Cullman City School Foundation which helps fund classroom enrichment projects. She is a member of Leadership Alabama and serves on the Board of Directors for Voices of Alabama’s Children. She is married to the former Governor Jim Folsom Jr., and they have two children.

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Shelton Names New Atrium Area For Local Firm

Shelton continues to recognize local community leadership through the naming of areas and rooms on the college's new campus. The latest area of the new campus to be named for a community leader is the atrium located in the center of the new facility. Described as the hub of the college, the area will be named the Tanner and Guin, L.L.C. Atrium in recognition of the Tuscaloosa firm's community service and support of education in West Alabama.

"The Tanner & Guin Atrium will serve as the center of student activity on our campus. Tanner & Guin and their employees have been long-time friends of the college. In fact, many of their employees are alumni of Shelton, and we are pleased that the atrium of our Martin Campus will bear the name of their firm," said Shelton President Tom Umphrey.

Tanner & Guin is a Tuscaloosa law firm that specializes in business and commercial law. Tanner & Guin has served as sponsors for many community organizations and has supported capital campaigns for the University of Alabama, Stillman College, and Shelton State Community College.



Tanner and Guin employees are honored at a reception at the college

Local Business Leader Honored



Roland Pugh and his family are honored at a reception at the college

Shelton State recently honored one of the college's former students as well as one of Tuscaloosa's leading businessmen by naming the college's new technical division the "Roland Pugh Technologies Division." This 260,000 square-foot area houses the college's 20 technical programs, including the welding program that Pugh completed in 1964.

Pugh graduated from Tuscaloosa County High School during the 1960s and entered the job market with, as he says, "no preparation or desire to go to college." Recognizing that his job did not hold much promise for the future, Pugh enrolled in the old Shelton State Vocational School that was then located on 15th Street. While at Shelton, he attended welding classes three nights a week while working and raising a family.

After completing the program offered by the college, Pugh went on to open Roland Pugh Construction Company, currently one of Tuscaloosa's major industries. Through the years, Pugh has continued his support of the college and of technical education.

Pugh believes the state desperately needs a comprehensive plan for education and that many young people would be better off if they were directed to vocational education programs earlier in their lives. One of the major problems in education, according to Pugh, "is figuring out how to reduce the large numbers of students coming out of high school that have to have remedial training before they can make the grade at a community college or a university."

Pugh was recently appointed to the Federal Reserve Board and currently serves on the Alabama Commission on Higher Education.

NEW CAMPUS NAMED FOR LONGTIME EDUCATORS



Dr. and Mrs. Harold Martin visit with Dr. Umphrey

As part of Shelton's dedication ceremonies, the college's new campus was named for longtime educators Dr. and Mrs. Harold C. Martin. Dr. Martin served on the Alabama State Board of Education for 22 years and was presiding officer throughout his tenure. Martin, who was first appointed to the State Board of Education by Governor George Wallace in 1963, went on to be elected to the board for three additional terms. During his terms on the State board, Dr. Martin helped establish a fully-funded kindergarten program, testing programs for entry-level teachers, a basic curriculum for the public schools, and the founding of junior and technical colleges in the state.

Dr. Martin began his lifelong career as an educator in Madison and Jackson counties following his education at the University of Alabama and Emory University. An ordained Methodist minister, Dr. Martin served as senior pastor for some of the largest churches in the state and was appointed district superintendent of the United Methodist Church for two terms.

"We are honored and pleased that our new campus will bear the names of these two outstanding leaders in education, Dr. and Mrs. Harold Martin. Their contributions to education in our state were instrumental in the establishment of Alabama's two-year college system," said Shelton President Tom Umphrey.

THEATRE CAMPAIGN MOVES TOWARD COMPLETION

Shelton's new state-of-the-art theatre moves toward completion this spring, thanks in part to the many donations of individuals, companies, and foundations during 1997. In fact, according to Rick Rogers, assistant to the president, the theatre campaign has been so successful that after only six months, 80% of the goal has already been achieved.

In addition to the major gift by A.H. Bean in honor of his wife and daughter, a number of business leaders and individuals have also stepped forward with gifts that will insure the completion of the facility.

Ryan deGraffenried, Rick Harbin, Sandra and Martin Ray and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Carr have all made individual "Leadership Gifts" this past year. In addition, three area foundations, the Hill Crest Foundation, Bell South Foundation, and The Alabama Power Foundation, have contributed substantial gifts to the project. The area's banking industry continues to support the development of the arts with gifts from the National Bank of Commerce, Bank of Moundville, and the Bank of Tuscaloosa.

Howell Poole, president of the Bank of Moundville, emphasized the Moundville financial institution's continued role in the development of the college. "Shelton State is a vital asset to West Alabama. We expect the theatre and the productions presented there to be the crowning jewel in the growth of the campus as an educational and arts center," Poole said.

CEO and NBC bank President Tommy Hester views NBC bank's gift as part of its civic responsibility. "Theatre Tuscaloosa has contributed so much entertainment and provided so many educational opportunities to this community over the years. Having a home of their own that also serves as the centerpiece for the Tuscaloosa Fine Arts Center will provide years of enjoyment and education for all of us in the area," Hester said.

When completed this year, the new Fine Arts Center will serve as the anchor of the wing for the Bean-Brown Theatre, a 450-seat state-of-the-art theatre, complete with rehearsal halls, three large ensemble dressing rooms and two principal dressing rooms, costume and scene shop. The theatre is designed with two-way communication to all areas, actor's greenroom with audio/visual monitors of the stage, full sound and lighting packages, and a 45-line counterweight fly system.

All lighting positions are accessible by catwalks or hallways for ease and safety in designing lights for productions. The 30 x 80 foot scene shop directly adjoins the stage and has a load dock capable of accommodating large trucks. The costume construction and storage facility located in the dressing room area serves as a teaching facility for costume and makeup classes. Seating includes prime locations for people with physical disabilities and includes wheelchair accessibility to the stage.



Theatre Tuscaloosa Campaign Chair, Sandra H. Ray, visits with Bruce Henderson, Rick Harbin and Rick Rogers



Back row Rick Rogers, Paul Looney, front row Terry Waters and Tom Umphrey



Tommy Hester and Terry DeWitt, National Bank of Commerce, Rick Harbin, Howell Poole, Bank of Moundville, Sandra Ray, Campaign Chairperson



Shelton's Theatre Tuscaloosa capital campaign stays in tune with help from Sandra Ray, Campaign Chairperson, (L to R) Dick Johnson, BellSouth, J.G. Brazel, Alabama Power, and Rick Rogers

The Bell South Foundation Gallery leading to the theatre will serve as a showcase for area artists in all disciplines from traditional arts and crafts to the fine arts.

"BellSouth has a long tradition of support for education and the arts. We believe both are fundamentally important to a growing community and in improving the quality of life for everyone," said Dick Johnson, area manager for BellSouth of Tuscaloosa.

"That's why we are glad to support the new Theatre Tuscaloosa facility at Shelton State — we help education and we help the arts," Johnson said.

The Alabama Power Foundation Recital Hall serves as the central box office and lobby area and was designed specifically for musical productions. This intimate, 100-seat space, has been acoustically engineered for vocal and instrumental performances.

"The Alabama Power Foundation is excited and pleased to support the construction of this world-class theatre and recital hall. Facilities such as these demonstrate firsthand the commitment of the Tuscaloosa community to arts, music, and culture that are so important to the quality of life and future growth of our area," said Terry Waters, division vice president of Alabama Power Company.

A comfortable, gently sloping seating area opens to the hardwood floored stage, with maximum visibility for all patrons. A small control booth in the rear of the hall will be equipped with both digital and analog recording equipment and will be wired to the theatre's control box. Access doors leading to the main hallway provide convenience in moving pianos from the studios to the stage. Small vestibules are provided for performers prior to their entrance on stage and for instrument storage.

Other facilities immediately adjacent to the theatre include a complete teaching and rehearsal suite for dance with large, mirrored practice rooms, dressing rooms, offices, and easy access for the large after school dance program. Large choral music and orchestral rehearsal halls with numerous individual practice rooms and private studios are conveniently located near the Alabama Power foundation Recital Hall and the Wilson-Carr Theatre Rehearsal Hall. The visual arts facility includes studios for all media from sculpture to painting and ceramics to photography.

The Theatre Capital Campaign began during the summer of 1997 with a committee composed of local business leaders. Sandra Hall Ray serves as campaign chairperson along with the gift captains, Kim Ingram, Frank Morris, Ryan deGraffenried, and Rick Harbin.

The public portion of the campaign began in January with the "Seat Campaign." Individuals, businesses and organizations are invited for a gift of \$300 per seat to memorialize someone with a plaque attached to a seat in the Bean-Brown Theatre.



Dr. Umphrey congratulates
Dr. Rogers on award.

ROGERS NAMED ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

A Baptist minister's son from Fosters, Alabama, Rick Rogers is naturally enthusiastic about a lot of things in his life, especially his family, Crimson Tide football, and Shelton State Community College. Since joining the college in 1991, Rogers has been involved in just about every aspect of the college.

As assistant to President Umphrey, Rogers shouldered many responsibilities over the past few years. A few of his duties have included overseeing the college's Title III program, construction of Shelton's new campus and the successful completion of Shelton's Capital Campaign Fund Drive. Rogers was also assigned the responsibility of the Beville Campus during the 12-month period it was assigned to Shelton by the Alabama State Board of Education in 1996-97.

For his efforts, Rogers was recently rewarded by being selected "Administrator of the Year" for the State of Alabama by the Alabama College Association. With typical modesty, Rogers admits to being a little embarrassed about all the attention of the award. "All of the employees at Shelton State have worked hard these past few years, and this award really reflects their efforts," Rogers said.

According to President Umphrey, Rogers is most deserving of this honor. "His recognition is representative of the college's entire administrative staff and the fine work accomplished by everyone. Rick Rogers has spent an untold number of hours working to make our college one of the top institutions in the region and the country," Umphrey said.

Rogers received his B. S. and doctorate degrees from the University of Alabama and his M. S. degree from the University of South Alabama. Before joining Shelton State, he was employed at Bessemer State Technical College and the University of Alabama. He and his wife, Carolyn, have two children, Bryant and Laura.

NEW EARLY WARNING SYSTEM INSTALLED THROUGH PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN SHELTON AND TCSS

When storms and tornados strike this spring, the people living in south Tuscaloosa County can feel a lot safer thanks to a new outdoor warning siren that has been installed on the Shelton Campus. The new system was funded through a grant made by the Tuscaloosa County Emergency Management Agency on behalf of Shelton and the Tuscaloosa County School System and was approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

According to Sandra Ray, a member of the Alabama Board of Education, this partnership between Shelton and the county school system is another example of our public school systems serving our local communities.

The new system includes a rotating electro mechanical siren with a minimum of 127 DB sound rating at a distance of 100 feet. The siren includes all mounting hardware and a siren control unit with a 208-220-240 vac single phase power requirement and two-tone decoder with a timer and radio receiver. The system is radio activated and capable of individual and all call signals. The system is mounted on a 50-foot utility pole that extends 42 feet above the ground.

The new system serves Englewood Elementary School, Hillcrest Middle and High Schools, Shelton State Community College, the Alabama Fire College, two churches, several subdivisions and apartment complexes, along with local businesses and mobile home parks.

"The Tuscaloosa County School System is grateful to Shelton State and Dr. Umphrey for including our schools in south Tuscaloosa in the early warning weather system. With the large number of portable classrooms located on those school campuses, early detection of possible severe weather will allow us more lead time to move the students into safer locations," said Dr. Joyce Sellers, superintendent of the TCSS.

The cost of the new system was \$7,000. The grant paid \$3,500 and the local matching share was \$3,500. The system is located at the south end of Shelton's new Martin Campus.

"This early warning weather system will benefit thousands of families in our part of the county, and we appreciate the leadership demonstrated by Dr. Sellers in partnership with our college," said Shelton President Tom Umphrey.

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